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Louisiana Agriculture & Forestry *Fun Farm Facts*

Louisiana's major row crops are: cotton, corn, sorghum, rice, sugarcane, hay, sweet potatoes and soybeans. (2004 statistics)

cotton - 491,299 acres; 1,514 producers; \$295.5 million

corn - 402,387 acres; 1,642 producers; \$117.7 million

sorghum - 79,277 acres; 608 producers; \$13.3 million

rice - 533,364 acres; 1,496 producers; \$324 million

sugarcane - 454,487 acres; 718 producers; \$496.2 million

hay - 243,954 acres; 2,933 producers; \$38.6 million

sweet potatoes - 15,353 acres; 143 producers; \$82.9 million

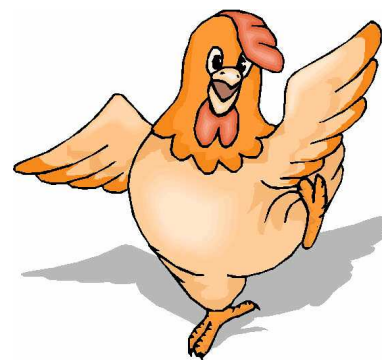
soybeans - 1,072,322 acres; 3,268 producers; \$241.3 million



Forestry is the leading agriculture crop in Louisiana. Forests cover 13.8 million acres, about 48% of Louisiana's land area, making it the state's greatest single land use. Fifty-nine of the state's 64 parishes contain land capable of producing sufficient timber to support forest-industry activities as well as provide habitat for wildlife, recreational opportunity, scenic beauty, and all the other environmental benefits timberlands provide.

Animals produced on Louisiana farms include: beef & dairy cows, horses, poultry, rabbits, ostriches & emus, sheep & goats, pigs, deer, crawfish and catfish.

Poultry is the leading animal crop in Louisiana. There are 579 poultry producers in the state and the industry is valued at \$1.5 billion annually.



There are more than 550 agricultural products and food manufacturing companies in Louisiana. These companies ship products with a distinctive Louisiana flair and flavor all over the world. Many of the companies display the "Certified Louisiana," "Certified Cajun" or "Certified Creole" logo on their products so that consumers know they are authentic to the state.

Sources: Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry, Louisiana Forestry Association and LSU AgCenter